

## **PTPC Annual Board Meeting Minutes**

**6/17/2023**

### **Opening remarks by outgoing President – Lynn Pierle**

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am by outgoing President Lynn Pierle. In attendance were the members of the Port Townsend Pickleball Club.

It was mentioned that there are raffle tickets still being sold and at the end of the meeting a winner will be drawn. At last count there was \$1,000 of tickets sold for our fundraiser. The raffle prize will either be a \$200 gift certificate from Quimper Mercantile or Pickleball Central.

Also, door prizes will be drawn throughout the day.

### **Treasurer's Report by Lynn for Kirk Rowdabaugh**

It was stated that we raised around \$40,000 for our Capital Campaign. We underestimated our cost of the installation of the MV courts. We actually spent \$44,000 to get extra fencing. As it was the middle of the Pandemic, we had supply chain issues and inflation hit. In the beginning, we estimated the cost to be around \$30,000 and set our goal to be \$35,000. We ended up raising \$40,000 and it was still not enough, but we had enough money in our budget that we could use the extra \$4,000 to get the courts built the way we wanted. The Budget and the Treasurer's Report will be posted on the website. We started FY22 with \$9,750. With all of our expenditures not including the installation of the MV courts, we have an ending balance of \$6,851 which is a negative net of \$2,891. We are in the process of renewing our memberships and we expect to garner another \$8,000 for our General Fund. That does not include raising money here for accessories at MV which will be very helpful.

### **Membership Report by Lynn for Annette Joyce**

It was mentioned to renew memberships online. We currently have 231 members.

### **Meet the candidates for Board positions, 2022-2024**

We have a slate of nominees for the open Board positions. This slate was nominated by a nominating committee headed by Carol Gartlan. The committee consisted of Carol, Jennie Hoskins, Jim Maupin, Char Sherwood and Sylvie Bliss.

We have 4 candidates that have stepped up for the open positions. The slate of nominees that was presented to the Board and approved. For President it is Charlie Houston, Secretary is Teresa Sisk, Director of Court Operations is Tony Porto, and Member-At-Large is Carla Jean Pugh. Jim Maupin will resume his position as Vice-President to finish out his term for another year. You can learn all about the candidates online on our website. There were no further nominations from the floor for these open positions. The balloting will take place online for members only.

### **Amendments to the Bylaws**

On the ballot there will also be approval on two amendments that the Board approved to our Bylaws. The information will be printed out on the ballot. One amendment is the Port Townsend USAPA Ambassador. The Board approved eliminating this position due to the fact that we do not have an Ambassador for Port Townsend. The second amendment is on Finances. The original Bylaws provided

for line items for the various roles of Directors on the Board. We haven't been doing that. Everything is a general fund or capital expenditures. We would like to revise it to be if anyone on the Board that needs to purchase an item, that person could spend up to \$300 with permission from either the President or the Treasurer. Anything over \$300 needs to go to the full Board.

### **Farewell to Outgoing Board Members**

Lynn gave closing remarks as President of the Club. She has been on the Board for 5 years since it's inception. She was also on the Founding Board.

One of the things we did is we adopted a Strategic Plan and it is on our website. This is one of the best things we have done as a goal for the Club. When you have leaders transitioning out and new leaders coming in, they can use that as a roadmap for completing the goals. The plan was adopted in 2021 and is a 5-year plan which goes through 2025. So far, we have partly accomplished 4 of the 5 goals that we have set out in the plan. The Strategic Plan earned us credibility in the community. When we went to the City and stated that we would like more courts, we handed them our Strategic Plan. It was very important for them to look at this plan. We have had requests from people all around the country to use our Strategic Plan as a template.

The first goal on our Strategic Plan was to build more outdoor courts which we have done. We have the Courthouse Courts and the Mountain View Courts. Doing the Mountain View Courts was the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of a 2-part phase for getting more courts and the City is going to propose adding 5 more courts with 4 of them being covered. This proposal will have to go before the City Council and we are hopeful of getting more courts for a total of 8 courts at Mountain View.

Goal 2 is for indoor facilities. Right now we have the Y for indoor courts and they are planning to redo the surface in the gym, repainting the lines and removing the bleachers. There is still the possibility of making indoor courts. We need someone to start a committee that is passionate in getting an indoor facility. Lynn has contacts if anybody is interested.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> goal is to promote pickleball by creating awareness of the sport and its benefits. We have done a good job with this goal. We have a great Communications Committee chaired by Mark Finco. We have done press releases, radio spots, a website, a Facebook page and an email Blast. We can also try to reach out to service clubs. A couple of our Board candidates have mentioned creating a school liaison to get pickleball into the schools.

The 4<sup>th</sup> goal is to promote a strong club image to attract interest and generate membership. We have been doing this by having a members' only portal on the website, provided discounts with club membership with a Capital Campaign donation, having beginner classes, free clinics, a rating process, ladders, round robins and tournaments. We are also having a first exchange with another club. Jeannie Ramsey have graciously organized all these activities for the club.

Another goal we accomplished was to have dedicated hours at Mountain View from 11a-3p approved by the City thanks to the hard work of our committee Jim Dow, Eric Seder, Craig Walls and Lynn.

We would like to expand our volunteer base. Many of the members have stepped up and we are trying to get more people involved in the running of the club.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> goal is to develop processes for fundraising which we did. We had a successful Capital Campaign and now there is a template for future Capital Campaigns. We would like to continue having ongoing fundraising mechanisms like a raffle which we are doing at this Annual Meeting or some system for donations.

Lynn is looking forward to completing our Strategic Plan by having more outdoor courts, growing our membership, getting a better place to play indoors and just continue to have fun playing pickleball.

She thanked the outgoing Board members.

Jeannie presented her with gifts from the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Shiroma